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SUBJ: ENERGY CONSUMPTION PATTERNS

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1. SINGAPORE CONSUMPTION OF PETROLEUM, ALL OF WHICH IS IMPORTED, DROPPED FROM 19,913,000 METRIC TONS IN 1973 TO 18,033,000 METRIC TONS IN 1974, A DECREASE OF 9.4 PCT. INCLUDED IN THESE FIGURES ARE PETROLEUM PRODUCTS USED FOR BUNKERS (70 PCT) AND AVIATION (5 PCT), LEAVING ONLY 25 PCT FOR ACTUAL DOMESTIC CONSUMPTION. FOR LOCAL CONSUMPTION THE FOLLOWING ACTIVITIES CURRENTLY CONSUME THE INDICATED PROPORTIONS OF THE 25 PCT AMOUNT:

COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY	23 PCT
GENERATION OF ELECTRICITY AND	
PIPED GAS FOR HOME USE	50 "
VEHICLES (GASOLINE)	13 "
PUBLIC TRANSPORT AND COMMERCIAL	
VEHICLES (DIESEL)	7 "
HOME USE (LPG AND KEROSENE)	4 "
GOVERNMENT	3 "

2. PRICE INCREASES FROM 1973 TO 1974 WERE GREAT: MOTOR GASOLINE - 90 PCT, BUNKERS - 100 PCT, AVIATION FUEL - 80 PCT, AND KEROSENE - UNCLASSIFIED

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120 PCT. CHANGES IN THE COST OF IMPORTS MIRRORED THE PREVAILING

WORLD MARKET RATES FOR CRUDE OIL AND PETROLEUM PRODUCTS. OTHER ENERGY SOURCES ARE NOT USED TO A SIGNIFICANT EXTENT IN SINGAPORE AND NO EFFORTS AT SUBSTITUTION HAVE BEEN MADE.

3. THE GOVERNMENT HAS ESTABLISHED A BROAD RANGE OF MEASURES TO ENCOURAGE CONSERVATION. WHILE RATIONING AND LOWER SPEED LIMITS HAVE NOT BEEN INTRODUCED, TAXES ON ALL PETROLEUM PRODUCTS FOR LOCAL USE HAVE BEEN GREATLY INCREASED, ELECTRICITY RATES ON AN ASCENDING GRADUATED SCALE HAVE BEEN INTRODUCED, AND RESTRICTIONS ON USE OF PRIVATE VEHICLES HAVE BEEN PUT INTO EFFECT. SOME OF THE SPECIFIC MEASURES TAKEN ARE LISTED BELOW:

A. IN DECEMBER 1973, THE PRICE OF GASOLINE WAS RAISED 9 PCT, AND DIESEL WAS RAISED 14 PCT, THE INCREASE BEING LARGELY DUE TO INCREASED TAXES.

B. IN SEPTEMBER 1975, THE GOVERNMENT ALLOWED FINANCE COMPANIES TO RAISE APPLICABLE INTEREST RATES FOR THE PURCHASE OF NEW CARS FROM 10 PCT TO 14 PCT, USED CARS AND MOTOR CYCLES FROM 11 PCT TO 15 PCT AS PART OF AN EFFORT TO CUT DOWN THE NUMBER OF PRIVATELY OWNED VEHICLES.

C. CAR POOLING HAS BEEN STRONGLY ENCOURAGED BY THE GOVERNMENT.

D. ANNUAL TAXES APPLIED TO MOTOR VEHICLES HAVE BEEN INCREASED ON THREE SEPARATE OCCASIONS TO THE POINT WHERE THOSE TAXES ARE AMONG THE HIGHEST IN THE BRITISH COMMONWEALTH.

E. THE GOVERNMENT WILL SOON PUT INTO EFFECT A PLAN WHEREBY ONLY PRIVATE VEHICLES ON WHICH A SPECIAL ADDITIONAL TAX HAS BEEN PAID OR ARE REGISTERED PARTICIPANTS IN A CAR POOLING ARRANGEMENT MAY ENTER THE CENTRAL BUSINESS DISTRICT DURING CERTAIN HOURS OF THE DAY. OTHERS MUST ENTER THE CENTRAL BUSINESS DISTRICT VIA PUBLIC CARRIERS.

4. SEE SINGAPORE A-191 AND SINGAPORE A-002 FOR ADDITIONAL 1973 STATISTICS. CRONK

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